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Monnet remained for lunch with me in the office. Tonight, E and I went to dinner with the Hamish Hamiltons. Those at dinner were Nancy Mitford, Charles Harding, Kitty and Frank Giles, Iris and Bill Hayter, Andre-Weil (an intimate friend of John L. Brown), and Arthur somebody, who did marvellous imitations of the late Queen Wilhemina of Holland.

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I went down this morning ~~to see Alec Home. I talked to him~~ about large diameter steel pipe for Russia, Soviet petroleum exports, the Yemen situation, the Geneva Conference on the Test Ban, and a few other subjects. I left him [redacted] of Joe Harsch, who was putting him on a television program.

I lunched at the Savoy Hotel as the guest of the Association of American Correspondents. We had an hour or more of dissertation and my answering of

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India Office is probably unique. The British, in spite of demands [redacted] on them by the Indian Government, have so far wisely decided not to send the contents to New Delhi, since the delicate problem of dividing them, and therefore making the library of less use to scholars, is at present insoluble. We went over much of the ground covered yesterday.

I gave a lunch today for

Miss Jenny Lee
Mrs. Barbara Castle
Mr. Richard Crossman
Mr. George Wigg
Mr. Arthur Schlesinger
Mr. Albert Irving.

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Those who are members of the Labour Party apparently have closed ranks in support of Harold Wilson. There were eulogies of his qualities. This was a lively crowd, and their cross conversations were great fun.

This afternoon, I saw Julie and Clare Timberlake. They are passing through here after making a round in Europe on his pursuit of anti-subversive methods.

This morning, at our meeting, Livie Merchant told a story of Bob Lovett appearing before a Congressional Committee. Bob said it was like being shaved with a straight razor and having one's appendix removed at the same time.

I went to Livie's background briefing of the American Press Corps.

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